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Office of the Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the overuse of antibiotics in animal factories to be the principal cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria like salmonella and campylobacter.

The European Union has already banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics that have a role in human medicine.

While the FDA continues to study the problem, how many more diseases will become untreatable?

I urge you to preserve the effectiveness of human antibiotics by banning their use to make livestock grow faster.

Your prudent decision in this matter will make a big statement about the serious desire of the FDA to truly protect the health and wellbeing of all citizens.

Sincerely,

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